

Remarks

On June 13, 2007 the Examiner informed Applicants' attorney, by telephone, that the present application is in condition for allowance except for the withdrawn claims. Applicants' attorney suggested that withdrawn claims 5 and 12 could be rejoined with the elected claims. The Examiner appeared to agree that this would be appropriate. Applicants' attorney also suggested that claim 5 should be amended to incorporate the definition for formula (4) from claim 4; and similarly, claim 12 should be amended to incorporate the definition for formula (6) from claim 11. The Examiner appeared to agree that this would be acceptable.

Accordingly, claims 5 and 12 have been amended as indicated above. Request is hereby made to rejoin claims 5 and 12.

Each of claims 5 and 12 has also been amended to change "characterized by" to --comprising--, which is more in accord with U.S. practice. Also please note that process claim 2 uses "comprising" instead of "characterized by".

Withdrawn claims 6-9 and 13-22 have been cancelled. Applicants emphasize that this is without prejudice to their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the subject matter of these claims.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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